

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A battery module, comprising:

a plurality of stacked cells being stacked, in each of which an electrolyte solution and a power generation element formed by stacking electrode plates are hermetically sealed by a package formed by a sheet ~~a package material~~, and electrode terminals connected individually to the electrode plates of the power generation element are drawn outward from the package formed by a sheet ~~package material~~;

a pair of pressuring members arranged in a stack direction where the stacked cells are stacked;

a pressing mechanism for applying a pressing force between the pair of pressuring members to pressure the stacked cells in the stack direction; and

a managing member which manages a state of pressing the stacked cells by the pressing mechanism.

2. (Original) The battery module according to claim 1,

wherein a position regulating member which regulates a position of the stacked cells in a direction perpendicular to a direction where the stacked cells are pressured is provided between the pair of pressuring members.

3. (Original) The battery module according to claim 2,

wherein the position regulating member comprises attachment portions which temporarily hold connecting members electrically interconnecting the electrode terminals of the stacked cells being stacked.

4. (Currently amended) The battery module according to claim 3,

wherein the connecting members comprise:

terminal contact portions which contact the electrode terminals of the stacked cells;

and

adjacent cell contacting portions which extend ~~extends~~ from the terminal contact portions and contact the connecting members adjacent thereto in the stack direction.

5. (Original) The battery module according to claim 1,

wherein the pressuring members at least partially protrude outward from stack portions of the stacked cells, and the protruding portions have a cooling function.

6. (Currently amended) The battery module according to claim 2,

wherein ~~the~~ position regulating members comprise engaging portions which engage with outward-protruding portions of the package formed by a sheet ~~package material~~ housing the power generation element of each of the stacked cells therein and position a cell unit.

7. (Currently amended) A battery module, comprising:

a plurality of stacked cells being stacked, in each of which an electrolyte solution and a power generation element formed by stacking electrode plates are hermetically sealed by a package formed by a sheet ~~package material~~, and electrode terminals connected individually to the electrode plates of the power generation element are drawn outward from the package formed by a sheet ~~package material~~;

a pair of pressuring members arranged in a stack direction where the stacked cells are stacked;

pressing means for applying a pressing force between the pair of pressuring members to pressure the stacked cells in the stack direction; and

managing means for managing a state of pressing the stacked cells by the pressing means.

8. (Currently amended) A method for manufacturing a battery module, comprising:

stacking a plurality of ~~stacked~~ cells, in each of which an electrolyte solution and a power generation element formed by stacking electrode plates are hermetically sealed by a package formed by a sheet ~~package material~~, and electrode terminals connected individually to the electrode plates of the power generation element are drawn outward from the package formed by a sheet ~~package material~~;

arranging a pair of pressuring members in a stack direction where the stacked cells are stacked;

applying a pressing force between the pair of pressuring members with a pressing mechanism to pressure the stacked cells in the stack direction; and

managing a state of pressing the stacked cells by the pressing mechanism with a managing member.

9. (New) The battery module according to claim 1, further comprising:

a position regulating member that regulates a position of the stacked cells in a direction perpendicular to a direction in which the stacked cells are pressured;

wherein the position regulating member is stacked between cells and pressuring members in the stack direction.

10. (New) The battery module according to claim 9, wherein the position regulating member regulates a position of the stacked cells in two directions that are perpendicular to a direction where the stacked cells are pressured.

11. (New) The battery module according to claim 9, further comprising end plates, wherein the stacked cells, pressuring members, position regulating member, and managing member are stacked between the end plates.

12. (New) The battery module according to claim 1, further comprising:

a position regulating member that regulates a position of the stacked cells in a direction perpendicular to a direction in which the stacked cells are pressured;

wherein the position regulating member includes an opening portion for engaging with a portion of a cell.

13. (New) The battery module according to claim 1, wherein the managing member includes protrusions on surfaces of the managing member that engage with the pressuring members;

wherein the pressuring members include holes that engage with the protrusions of the managing member.

14. (New) The battery module according to claim 1, wherein the package formed by a sheet comprises a first sheet and a second sheet, wherein peripheral portions of the first sheet and second sheet are fused to form the hermetic seal;

wherein the first sheet includes a concave portion; wherein the stack of electrode plates is positioned within the concave portion;

wherein the second sheet covers an opening formed by the concave portion of the first sheet.